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Title: Interview with Prince Rowan of House Westmark Pt. 2

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Jurel: "You mean beheading, specifically?"

Rowan: "Yes, sadly, that is what our famous guillotine is for. It is quite humane. I pray my sister will recant.

Perhaps she, and all of House Westmark, can avoid another tragedy, or else the law may have to be altered. I could not bear such loss."

Jurel: "One last question, Prince Rowan.. something many would like to know for certain.. are you in any way in league with, or have some kind of business dealings with, the Shadow Conclave .. those groups, and others, we discussed earlier?"

Rowan: "I am a fair man. To be fair, one must be willing to give ear to all sides of a story. Tis true, I occasionally visit those whom others consider "undesirable" to gain understanding of their ways and philosophies. I make no apology for it. One cannot govern without possessing, as much as is possible, knowledge and truth. And one cannot know the truth apart from knowing as much that can be known. I want to make this very clear.. I am in league with no one, nor any group

above another! I guide the interests of my father's House and holdings as seems best to me, and if I am accused of evil-doing by "consorting with undesirables" to achieve the best possible results and dividends for my family, then so be it. I have nothing to apologize for, as I have no secret agenda, and nothing to hide. I hope this statement will be accepted by my numerous detractors. If not, then it is a free land.. and ignorance or prejudice is not a criminal offense."

Jurel: "My thanks, sire. Perhaps it will. Any plans for memorializing Adrick?"

Rowan: "Aye, indeed. We will be holding a Wake for Adrick in the Nujel'm cemetery at the Westmark family Crypt on the Thursday following. We will begin at 9 in the evening by the Eastern sky. I extend invitation to all those wishing to pay their respects."

Jurel: "Thank you for this enlightening discussion."

Thus ended the dialogue. Rowan had business to attend, and I rushed out to make this report. I will say that, right or wrong, I do believe Rowan to be sincere in his quest for knowledge, but, in the back of my mind, I wonder how far it will take him, and what possible good can come from a relationship with those of evil and anarchic mind? We shall see.